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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching High School,	$340 00	
Center "	306 00	
East "	272 00	
Franklin "	272 00	
West "	272 00	
North "	272 00	
wood for schools,	148 85	
care of rooms,	91 68	
books,	7 16	
furniture and repairs on school-houses,	155 73	
sundries,	9 32	
C. D. Howard for printing,	4 00	
		$2150 74

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles P. Howard as Town Clerk,	$15 00
" " for recording valuation and taxes and making returns of births, marriages. deaths and other services,	39 40
Charles P. Howard for express on books and postage	4 60
Charles P. Howard for making and recording deeds for Riverside Cemetery,	3 00
Solon O. Holt for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	100 00
Solon O. Holt, journeys out of town,	31 50
" " perambulating town lines,	4 50
" " for books, stationery and postage,	6 74
Geo. L. Flint for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	25 00
Amount carried forward,	$229 74

Amouut brought forward,	$229 74	
Paid Geo. L. Flint, journeys out of town,	3 00	
" " perambulating town lines,	1 50	
A. P. Eaton for services asSelectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	40 25	
A. P. Eaton, journeys out of town,	5 00	
" perambulating town lines,	3 00	
J. D. Gowing, services as Collector and Treasr.,	100 00	
" for extra services and expenses,	38 40	
" printing and postage,	11 20	
D. R. Galloupe, services as School Committee,'	41 00	
Geo. K. Parker, " "	29 00	
D. D. McIntire, " "	33 50	
horse hire for " "	10 89	
Sylvester Eaton for services as Constable,	13 50	
H. H. Dame, " "	6 00	
Geo. A. Flint, " "	11 50	
John S. Coney, " Police,	2 00	
Geo. K. Parker, " fire ward and expenses,	10 50	
		$589 98

STATE AID.

Paid Julia A. Abbott,	$48 00	
Emily Bean,	48 00	
Sarah J. Coney,	48 00	
Mary F. Flint,	48 00	
Rebecca J. McIntire,	48 00	
Jane Proctor,	44 00	
Tryphena Harris,	48 00	
Sarah J. Mason,	20 00	
Mrs. John H. Wyatt,	12 00	
Hester A. Gierner,	12 00	
Chas. J. Burdett,	72 00	
Wm. Frye,	72 00	
Robert B. Walsh,	72 00	
		$592 00

Due from the State for 1877.		$590 00
Due from the State for January, 1878,		50 00

CEMETERIES.

Paid Thomas Raynor for trees and labor,	23 50	
for labor and posts,	5 00	
J. B. Campbell for trees,	6 50	
		$35 00

HIGHWAYS.

Paid Eliab U. Flint, as highway surveyor,	$121 73	
Eliab Stone, "	120 00	
Horace Hall, "	120 00	
Dennis Batchelder, "	124 15	
Albert H. Holt, "	120 00	
		$605 88

SUNDRY EXPENSES ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid for labor and lumber on culvert, near F. H. Mosman's,	44 50
for labor on culvert near G. E. Parker's,	3 50
" and lumber on sidewalk,	6 66
" " on mill bridge, (Mill St.)	18 50
" " " (Park St.)	43 71
" on culvert near Geo. C. Whittredge's	22 00
" " on Park St.,	8 00
grading at Washington St. bridge,	13 33
extra highway work,	5 00
labor and lumber on bridges on Chestnut street,	61 66
for labor and lumber on Richardson's bridge,	11 19
" " Central st. "	17 04
grading on common,	4 00
labor and lumber on Barnard bridge,	43 90
Amount carried forward,	$302 99

Amount brought forward,	$302 99	
Paid for painting Washington street bridge,	14 03	
repairs on Haverhill street "	20 00	
widening North street and laying wall,	34 60	
labor on Peabody's hill,	2 50	
" Mt. Vernon street,	2 00	
railings for roads,	6 00	
J. D. Gowing for removing snow,	15 25	
Benjamin Eames for gravel,	4 25	
		$401 62
Due from the town of Reading, $31 20		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for printing reports, check lists and warrants	$62 00	
interest on Town notes	1391 94	
Quincy Ins. Co.,	25 00	
" " Ins. on High School house,	25 00	
" " " West "	25 00	
" " " Almshouse buildings,	75 00	
for insurance on old Town hall,	75 00	
road scraper and freight,	121 55	
repairs on road scraper,	1 60	
printing notices,	3 50	
F. A. Flint, damages received on highway,	20 00	
stove, pipe, and zinc for ante-room old Town Hall,	9 25	
stoves, pipe and zinc for F. M. Hall,	26 55	
state tax,	375 00	
county tax,	219 91	
repairs on old Town Hall,	10 30	
C. J. Burditt for ringing bell,	52 00	
" " " care of hall,	3 00	
Timothy Dame, " "	4 00	
Charles Carlton, return of deaths,	5 00	
" " repairs on ice chest,	1 50	
Amount carried forward,	$2532 10	

Amount brought forward,	$2532 10	
For repairs on Flint Memorial Hall,	38 26	
trees at " " "	3 20	
repairs on pumps,	10 00	
Geo. B. Parker for Flint Library (dog fund)	111 04	
overtaxation,	24 73	
L. E. Hayward, abatement of highway tax,	1 73	
for labor on liberty pole,	3 00	
abatement of taxes,	85 01	
discount on taxes,	358 90	
on town debt,	1000 00	
for police badge,	1 20	
		$4169 17

Orders drawn for Schools,	2150 74	
Town Officers,	589 98	
State Aid,	592 00	
Highways,	1007 50	
Overseers of the Poor,	1298 13	
Cemeteries,	35 00	
Miscellaneous,	4169 17	
Total amount of orders drawn,	$9842 52	

SOLON O. HOLT,
GEO. L. FLINT,
A. P. EATON,
} SELECTMEN OF NORTH READING.

North Reading, Feb. 20, 1878.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

NAMES AND AGES OF THE INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Lois McIntire,	85 years.
Rebecca Floyd,	70 "
Nathaniel McIntire,	63 "
Joseph Sawyer,	68 "
Jane Sawyer,	46 "
Sarah Banker,	28 "
Emily Buxton,	33 "
Peter McCabe,	57 "
Present number,	8
Average,	7 1-3

Seven hundred and sixty tramps have been assisted.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1878.

2 oxen,	$180 00
6 cows,	240 00
3 swine,	25 00
60 fowls,	30 00
hay,	270 00
grain,	40 00
manure,	125 00
lumber,	30 00
wood,	125 00
fuel,	80 00
cedar posts and poles,	30 00
farming utensils,	304 90
household furniture,	469 45
Amount carried forward,	$1949 35

Amount brought forward,	$1949 35	
For salt pork,	42 50	
hams,	18 00	
lard,	20 00	
flour,	8 50	
potatoes,	23 00	
mangolds,	25 00	
cider,	55 00	
beans,	30 00	
tea and coffee,	5 00	
butter,	3 25	
crackers,	4 00	
sausages,	8 00	
cream of tartar,	4 50	
sugar,	4 00	
sundries,	22 40	
bills uncollected,	77 16	
		$2299 66

EXPENSE AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for clothing,	$24 79
boots, shoes and repairs,	18 25
farming tools, &c.,	73 38
seeds, &c.,	8 47
stock,	123 00
horse hire,	9 20
household furniture,	37 56
repairs on buildings,	34 15
Harnden & Co. for curing hams and express on same,	5 80
grinding corn,	3 54
liquors,	15 80
medicine,	7 26
physician's bill,	7 00
Amount carried forward,	$368 20

	Amount brought forward,	$368 20
Paid for	express bills,	3 69
	stationery,	65
	barber's bill,	2 75
	car fare of Superintendent,	2 00
	weighing hay,	15
	sawing lumber,	6 71
	cow tax,	4 50
	snuff and tobacco,	6 00
	meat,	80 14
	fish,	18 57
	apples,	2 64
	onions,	1 60
	flour,	82 33
	crackers,	63 36
	cheese,	6 06
	meal,	114 10
	corn,	41 94
	shorts,	136 36
	oats,	21 86
	coffee,	6 19
	ginger,	74
	tea,	10 65
	cream of tartar,	2 73
	nutmegs,	1 10
	pepper,	72
	starch,	60
	oil,	5 11
	sugar,	41 28
	raisins,	2 36
	soda,	83
	oatmeal,	2 77
	salt,	5 99
	cassia,	33
	Amount carried forward,	$1045 01

Amount brought forward,	$1045 01	
Paid for soap,	6 50	
molasses,	14 87	
rice,	2 97	
mustard,	25	
essences,	48	
matches,	1 11	
tapioca,	85	
allspice,	60	
vinegar,	2 84	
butter,	41 62	
		$1117 10

HIRED LABOR.

Paid Charles Harris,	$12 25	
James Harris,	22 75	
Fred McIntire,	90 39	
D. D. McIntire, for measuring wood,	65	
George Hutchinson,	163 13	
Edward Clark,	4 00	
Wm. Bryden,	8 00	
John B. Campbell,	9 60	
Wm. McAllister,	41 45	
Richard B. Nichols,	6 00	
Salary of Superintendent,	400 00	
		$758 22
Total expense at Almshouse,		$1875 32

RECEIPTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

For labor off the farm,	$346 02	
milk,	334 54	
hay,	121 84	
pedlar's dinners,	12 25	
wood,	174 68	
Amount carried forward,	$989 33	

Amount brought forward,	$989 33	
For apples,	1 50	
pork,	100 07	
calves,	36 40	
eggs,	23 73	
cow,	44 63	
potatoes,	29 94	
beans,	18 01	
old bricks,	1 35	
lumber,	61 11	
fowls,	1 50	
cider,	4 85	
cedar posts,	1 50	
lodging tramps,	304 00	
cash received of Selectmen,	257 40	
		$1875 32

EXPENSE OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for supplies for the family of John F. Roberts,	$18 00
medical attendance " " "	6 00
" " of Martha J. Banker,	1 25
Town of Middleton for Mrs. Stephen McIntire.	91 26
Town of Middleton for Mrs. Bird,	6 56
city of Haverhill for John Grant from Jan. 1, 1876, to Jan. 1, 1877,	94 50
from " " 1877, to Dec. 1, 1877,	77 25
Worcester Lunatic Hospital for board of Laura J. Tarlton,	13 80
Town of Natick for W. A. Nichols,	10 15
" " Wakefield for N. C. Hunter,	41 25
W. P. Davis, med. att. on tramp,	1 00
City of Lynn for Mrs. Eben Stone,	152 00
Amount carried forward,	$513 02

Amount brought forward,	$513 02	
Paid for wood for John Lufkin,	19 43	
funeral expenses of Elisha McIntire,	25 00	
med. att. " "	5 00	
wood for " "	5 25	
med. att. of Augsuta McIntire,	4 50	
" " family of S. O. Cheever,	8 00	
" " " " John Orben,	10 00	
City of Boston for John Fitzmorris,	110 63	
" " " William H. Gerry,	27 49	
" " " Nancy Moore,	8 41	
lodging tramps,	304 00	
Expense of poor out of Almshouse,	— —	$1040 73
Balance against the Almshouse,		257 40
		$1298 13
Received of Selectmen,		$1298 13
Due from City of Lynn,	$19 43	
" " Town of Andover,	8 00	

SOLON O. HOLT,
GEO. L. FLINT,
A. P. EATON,
} OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

North Reading, Feb. 20, 1878.

ASSESSORS' RETURNS.

TAX LIST AS ASSESSED.

State Tax,	$ 375 00
County Tax,	219 91
Schools,	1800 00
Highways	1000 00
Ordinary expenses,	4000 00
Town debt,	1000 00
Cemeteries,	40 00
Overlay,	107 12
Tax list committed to Collector,	$8542 03

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Total number of polls,	274	
Tax on polls,		$ 548 00
Total value of personal estate,		53,731 00
Total value of real estate,		390,382 00
Tatal tax,		8542 03
Rate of tax per $1000,	$18 00	
Total valuation May 1, 1877,		444,113 00
Number of houses,	202 3-4	
" horses,	138	
" oxen,	14	
" cows,	243	
" swine,	108	
" sheep,	3	
" acres land taxed,	7575	

SOLON O. HOLT,
GEO. L. FLINT,
A. P. EATON,
} ASSESSORS OF NORTH READING.

North Reading, Feb. 20, 1878.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury from last year,	$1185 16	
Taxes collected of 1875,	395 98	
1876,	681 20	
1877,	6850 01	
From Town of Topsfield on Overseer's account,	24 00	
" Adams "	8 00	
City of Lynn,	23 50	
State for State Aid,	584 00	
" Corporation Tax,	9 87	
" National Bank Tax,	30 64	
" School Fund,	217 78	
County for Dog fund,	111 04	
For rent of Flint Memorial Hall,	45 00	
Store in F. M. Hall Building,	37 50	
Old Town Hall,	6 00	
lots sold in Riverside Cemetery,	26 00	
taxes after abatement,	4 00	
taxes not assessed,	30 64	
interest on taxes,	53 20	
insurance dividend,	63 00	
use of hearse,	50	
lock-up fees,	1 50	
school books,	2 30	
Eliab P. McIntire,	35 25	
town notes,	19,100 00	
		$29,526 00
Paid out on Selectmen's orders,	$9842 52	
Town notes,	19,100 00	
		$28,942 52
Balance in treasury,		$583 55

Tax list committed to collect for 1877,	$8542 03	
uncollected for 1876,	1191 04	
uncollected for 1875,	395 98	
Total to collect,		$10,129 05

Taxes uncollected for 1877,	$1692 02
" " 1876,	509 84

The town owes notes as follows :

One note of	$5000 00	due	April 2, 1882,
"	5000 00	"	April 2, 1885,
"	5000 00	"	April 2, 1887,
"	2000 00	"	April 9, 1878,
Six " am't	2700 00	on demand,	
	$19,700		

Interest due first of April, 1878, on the above notes, $599 17.

J. D. GOWING,

Treasurer and Collector of North Reading.

NORTH READING, Feb. 20, 1878.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF FLINT LIBRARY.

Books have been presented by the following persons:

Mr. Charles F. Flint, Wakefield,	1
Paschal Walls, North Reading,	1
John C. Allen, "	1
Mr. Lucian Flint, "	1
Daniel Putnam, New York,	85
	89
Number of volumes purchased,	41
" in library per last report,	1115
Number of volumes in library Feb. 9, 1878,	1245
Number of books given out,	7420
One book missing.	
Fines collected,	$12 24
Miscellaneous expenses of library,	11 35

F. A. MUSGRAVE, *Librarian.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1877,	$144 34	
Received from licenses on dogs,	111 04	
		$255 38

PAYMENTS.

Lockwood, Brooks & Co., books,	$43 12		
" binding,	9 13		
Wood,	3 00		
Express,	1 15		
Librarian,	52 00		
			$108 40
Balance,		$146 78	

GEORGE B. PARKER,

Treasurer Flint Library.

We are well aware that these reports are largely repetitions from year to year; but it is certainly unfair to pass unspoken a blessing, which, if it were to "take its flight," would put an end to a source of pleasure and profit and drop us beneath the level of every adjoining town.

The number of books given out, as per statistics prepared by the librarian, is not so large as it should be; although there has been no decrease for three years. There ought to be an increase. A little thought and calculation will discover the fact that there are probably considerably less than a hundred and fifty persons who avail themselves of the benefit to be derived from the library. Now we are unwilling to believe that there are not twice as many who could find time to read. More residents in the outskirts might patronize by each one in a neighborhood getting a list of books they would like, and take turns in going to the library. Others might read more by taking lighter contracts for loafing in grocery stores and such like places. We can't reasonably do less than to avoid depreciating in mind and morals, even though we make no signal efforts for improvement.

GEO. K. PARKER,
JOHN B. CAMPBELL,
JOSEPH D. GOWING,
GEO. B. PARKER,
GEO. L. FLINT,
} TRUSTEES OF FLINT LIBRARY.

North Reading, Feb. 20, 1878.

STATISTICS FROM TOWN CLERK'S RECORD DURING THE YEAR 1877.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Whole number of Births,		22	Whole number of Intentions of Marriage,		10
Males,	14		" " Marriages recorded,		11
Females,	8		" " Deaths,		19

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1877.

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age Y.	Age M.	Age D	Place of Birth.	Name of Parents.	Disease or Cause of Death.
February 3	George P. Tarbox,	27	10		North Reading,	William and Rachel E Tarbox,	Chronic Bronchitis.
February 6	George A. Nichols,	32	8		North Reading,	Richard and Julia A. Nichols,	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
February 7	Eliza Mittelstadt,	56			Ireland,	John and Ann Blennohofft,	Lung Fever.
March 7	Barberra Folly,	4	6		North Reading,	Denn's and Barberra Folly,	Scrofulous.
March 8	Flora R. Flint,			11	Peabody,	Frank A. and Flora R. Flint,	Debility.
March 24	Hannah H. Collins,	67	10	10	Ipswich	Pierpoint and Hipsibath Hay,	Congestion of the Lungs.
April 17	Abigail Upton,	81		11	Ashby,	Benjamin and Anna Damon,	Old Age.
May 2	Charlotte M. Flint,	11	5	29	North Reading.	Alvin A. and Laura H. Flint,	Diptheria.
May 2	Susie M. Flint,	9	6	18	North Reading,	Alvin A and Laura H. Flint.	Diptheria.
May 5	Josiah Batchelder,	77	11	5	Billerica,	Joseph and Hannah Bachelder,	Heart Disease.
May 14	Sarah H. Jones,	48	7	25	Wilmington,	Jonathan and Jane Gowing,	Inflammation of the Bowels.
May 25	Luella V. Clark.		3	16	North Reading,	Allen and Laura Clark,	Inflammation of the Bowels.
June 29	Polly Parker,	94	2	3	Woburn,	William and Mary Nichols,	Old Age.
August 1	Martha A. Swain,	54	2	20	Gardiner, Me.	Zacheus and Susan Goldsmith,	Consumption.
August 22	Sophronia Lufkin,	64	10	23	Essex,	Eben Andrews,	Inflammation of the Bowels.
Sept. 14	Hattie C. Holt,	25	1	27	North Reading,	Joseph E. and Frances A. Holt,	Organic Heart Disease,
October 22	Emma M. Livermore,	21	5	7	Richland, Iowa,	Jona. W. and Margaret Cadwell,	Consumption.
Nov. 24	Gracie Isabel Jackson,	4	7	24	Westford,	S. M. and H. E. Jackson,	Diptheria.
Nov 28	Rebecca J. Nichols	69	7		North Reading,	Jona. and Rebecca P. Jenkins,	Congestion of the Lungs.

CHARLES P. HOWARD, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

For the Year 1877–8.

The school year just closed has been one of quiet, steady prosperity. There have been no marked changes in any department of school work, either in the methods of teaching or the manner of acquiring knowledge. Yet, while there have been no sudden or great changes, there has been a steady endeavor on the part of the teachers to faithfully perform their work, using such helps, whether old or new, as in their judgment were conducive to the best welfare of the schools. This they have been able to do, perhaps more freely and fully than in some other places, as the committee have never adopted any set of arbitrary rules to restrain that freedom of action in the teacher, which, to a limited extent, is absolutely essential to the prosperity of our schools. Each teacher has a somewhat different way of dealing with her school, and as the committee are looking more particularly at results rather than methods, they are content if these prove satisfactory. There are two facts of experience, which, however often they may have been brought to the attention of the town or its committees, we desire to notice again: first, that no teacher can succeed unless she maintain discipline, and that we consider it useless to continue to employ one who shall prove herself incompetent in this direction; and second, that it is of the utmost importance to the well-being of the school that the teacher have the cordial support of the committee. That they have had such support here we consider the chief cause of the quiet now enjoyed in school affairs. No new text-books have been introduced during the past year, with the exception of Munroe's Fifth and Sixth Readers, for the higher classes. While some of the recently issued text-books have features which appear as improvements, they are not of sufficient importance, we think, to subject parents, in these hard times, to the expense necessary for a general change. More attention has been given to drawing this year than ever before, and while some schools have progressed more than others, all have been interested in this useful exercise. In all departments we think the younger scholars are advancing more rapidly than in some years past, and the number of older scholars in a backward condition has been greatly reduced, and in some schools has altogether vanished. The school-houses

are in a good state of repair, generally, one or two trifling matters in the West ward only needing attention. The Committee have few recommendations of change to make, but rather would advise that the schools be kept as nearly in the present way as is consistent with reasonable progress, and that the teachers now engaged be retained, if possible. This is the first year in a long time that no change has been made in the corps of teachers, and we think the effect has been beneficial. Miss Holt and Miss Dearborn have been so long with us as teachers, and their work is so well known and appreciated, that we feel it unnecessary to give a detailed account of it. Pupils under their care may spend their time happily as well as profitably. That they spend it profitably, is evidenced by the continued advancement of the West ward pupils, and the greatly improved condition of the Centre school. Miss Putnam, Miss Hall, and Miss Batchelder, all natives of the town, have successfully carried forward their pupils in their various studies; Miss Batchelder contending against many difficulties, occasioned by sickness among the scholars, and their frequent absences from other causes. The greatest help the parent can render the school, is to refuse to allow any slight cause to detain the scholar at home. The Committee testify to their unqualified approval of Miss Eames as a teacher, and to her ability and faithfulness in the management of the High school, and express the hope that the town will continue to enjoy the benefit of her services in the future. In conclusion, we believe that the schools of the town, during the past year, have been under good discipline, and have had faithful instruction, and that there has been a general interest felt by the scholars in their studies, this interest being quite marked in some districts; and we also believe that each year with such a record is a preparation for increased prosperity for the year to follow.

D. R. GALLOUPE,
GEO. K. PARKER,
D. D. McINTIRE,
} SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

STATISTICS OF THE SCHOOLS.

Name of School	Name of Teacher	Terms.	Length of term	Wages per Month.	No. of Scholars	Average Attendance.	No. und'r 15 yrs	No. over 15 yrs	Visits by Com	Visits by others
			weeks.							
High	Miss Emma F. Eames,	Spr	12	$40 00	31	24.	0	9	7	19
	" "	Fall	10	40 00	21	18.	0	9	6	11
	" "	Win	12	40 00	19	15.	0	8	5	9
Centre	Sarah E. Holt,	Spr	12	36 00	31	24.	0	0	6	19
	"	Fall	11	36 00	29	25.	0	0	6	26
Frank-	"	Win	12	36 00	33	27.	0	0	6	18
lin	Stella Hall,	Spr	12	32 00	37	29.	0	0	5	20
		Fall	10	32 00	39	32.	0	0	6	32
	"	Win	12	32 00	32	24.	0	1	6	13
West	Jennie L. Dearborn,	Spr	12	32 00	16	14.	1	1	7	26
	"	Fall	10	32 00	16	15.	0	1	6	27
	"	Win	10	32 00	19	17.	0	4	6	17
North	Mary A. Putnam,	Spr	12	32 00	31	25.	1	1	5	25
	"	Fall	10	32 00	34	28.	1	1	5	11
	"	Win	12	32 00	31	23.	0	1	7	11
East	Mary L. Batchelder,	Spr	12	32 00	24	17.	1	0	8	26
	"	Fall	10	32 00	20	15,	1	1	6	23
	"	Win	12	32 00	14	10.	1	1	4	7
							2	16		

TOTALS.—Length of Schools in months, 50 3-4. Wages of Teachers, $1727. Whole number scholars—Spring, 170: Fall, 159; Winter. 148. Average attendance—Spring, 133; Fall. 133; Winter, 116. No. visits by Committee, 107. No. visits by others, 340.

TOWN MEETING.

***MIDDLESEX,* ss.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of North Reading, in the County of Middlesex.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March next, at eight o'clock, A. M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear reports of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To hear report of Treasurer, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To hear report of School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6. To hear reports of Trustees of Flint Library and Trustees of Cemeteries, and act thereon.

ART. 7. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate, for necessary town expenses, for the ensuing year, and the manner in which it shall be expended.

ART. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise for the payment of the town debt.

ART. 9. To see what instructions the Town will give their Collector, in relation to collecting taxes and allowing discount on the same.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will give their Treasurer authority to hire money, or what they will do in relation to the same.

ART. 11. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the money received on account of dog licenses.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will instruct the Trustees of Riverside Cemetery to expend the money received for lots sold the present year, for improving the Cemetery, or what they will do in relation to the same.

ART. 13. To see what action the Town will take in regard to stocking the ponds within the town with black bass or salmon.

ART. 14. To see what action the Town will take in regard to purchasing a new hearse.

ART. 15. To see what action the Town will take in regard to digging a well in Riverside Cemetery.

ART 16. To see if the Town will lease the anti-room in the old Town Hall, to the Knights of Honor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 17. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for repairs on old Town Hall, or what they will do in relation to the same.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will build a culvert on Concord street, near William Parker's house, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will allow L. E. Hayward and others to work out their proportion of the highway money, on the private ways leading to their houses.

ART. 20. To hear the report of the Selectmen on guideboards.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Polls open at nine o'clock.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of February, A. D., eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

SOLON O. HOLT,
GEO. L. FLINT,
A. P. EATON, } SELECTMEN OF NORTH READING.

A true copy,—Attest: HENRY H. DAME, Constable.